

The End of the World as We Know It

The end of a nine-part series on what we believe
November 14 & 15, 2009

1. It's the end of the world...

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2. ...as we know it...

The Bible teaches that the end of this world is the beginning of something new. Each person will answer to God and spend eternity in his _____ or in his _____.

3. ...and I feel fine!

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Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. The R.E.M. song, "It's the End of The World as We Know it" has been featured in many movie soundtracks. When you hear it, what comes to your mind?
2. It is interesting that scientists tend to agree with what the Bible teaches that the universe had a beginning and will come to an end. Do you find this hard to believe? Read Matt. 16:27; 24:30; 2 Cor. 5:10. Does the inevitability of a coming Judgment Day scare you?
3. Christians seem to almost enjoy arguing with each other about the pre- and post tribulation and the pre- and postmillennial views. What do you think is the main result that comes from all this controversy? Is it agreement or disunity, focus or distraction?
4. Why did Jesus, the most loving person who ever lived, talk so much about hell?
5. What did Christ mean when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life...?" (Read Jn. 11:25 in its context.)
6. Read 1 Thes. 5:1-11. What instructions does the Apostle Paul communicate concerning how we are to live, given that there really will be a final conclusion?
7. Read 2 Pet. 3:1-14. What does the Apostle Peter add about how we should respond to the coming cataclysm?
8. For more study on the life to come, see: Ps. 16:8ff.; 23:6; Zec. 14:5; Mt. 5:8; 6:19-21; 22:1-14; 25:34; Lk. 14:16-24; 19:11-26; Acts 2:26; Rom. 8:19-25; 1 Cor. 6:2f.; Heb. 11:10; 13:14; 2 Pet. 3:13; 1 Jn. 3:2; Rev. 19:21-22.

9. Do you feel like you are ready for the return of Christ? What must change in your thinking or lifestyle? We hope you are ready to talk and pray about your life and eternal life. Feel free to come forward for prayer after the service, or call the church office for pastoral support.

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